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NOTIFICATION OF TRANSMITTAL OF
THE INTERNATIONAL SEARCH REPORT
ON THE DECLARATION

(PCT Rule 44.1)

From the INTERNATIONAL SEARCHING AUTHORITY

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FOR FURTHER ACTION See paragraphs 1 and 4 below

International application No.
PCT/US 00/05002

International filing date
(day/month/year) 25/02/2000

Applicant

BELLSOUTH INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY CORPORATION

1. ☒ The applicant is hereby notified that the International Search Report has been established and is transmitted herewith.
Filing of amendments and statement under Article 19:
The applicant is entitled, if he so wishes, to amend the claims of the International Application (see Rule 46):

When? The time limit for filing such amendments is normally 2 months from the date of transmittal of the International Search Report; however, for more details, see the notes on the accompanying sheet.

Where? Directly to the International Bureau of WIPO
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For more detailed instructions, see the notes on the accompanying sheet.

2. ☐ The applicant is hereby notified that no International Search Report will be established and that the declaration under Article 17(2)(a) to that effect is transmitted herewith.

3. ☐ With regard to the protest against payment of (an) additional fee(s) under Rule 40.2, the applicant is notified that:
☐ the protest together with the decision thereon has been transmitted to the International Bureau together with the applicant's request to forward the texts of both the protest and the decision thereon to the designated Offices.
☐ no decision has been made yet on the protest; the applicant will be notified as soon as a decision is made.

4. Further action(s): The applicant is reminded of the following:

Shortly after 18 months from the priority date, the International application will be published by the International Bureau. If the applicant wishes to avoid or postpone publication, a notice of withdrawal of the international application, or of the priority claim, must reach the International Bureau as provided in Rules 90bis.1 and 90bis.3, respectively, before the completion of the technical preparations for international publication.

Within 19 months from the priority date, a demand for international preliminary examination must be filed if the applicant wishes to postpone the entry into the national phase until 30 months from the priority date (in some Offices even later). Within 20 months from the priority date, the applicant must perform the prescribed acts for entry into the national phase, before all designated Offices which have not been elected in the demand or in a later decision within 19 months from the priority date or could not be elected because they are not bound by Chapter II.

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INTERNATIONAL SEARCH REPORT

(PCT Article 18 and Rules 43 and 44)

Applicant's or agent's file reference 18/793PCT	FOR FURTHER ACTION (see Notification of Transmittal of International Search Report according to Article 18. A copy is being transmitted to the International Bureau.)	
International application No. PCT/US 00/05002	International filing date (day/month/year) 25/02/2000	(Earliest) Priority Date (day/month/year) 26/02/1999
Applicant BELLSOUTH INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY CORPORATION		

This International Search Report has been prepared by this International Searching Authority and is transmitted to the applicant according to Article 18. A copy is being transmitted to the International Bureau.

This International Search Report consists of a total of 3 sheets.
☒ It is also accompanied by a copy of each prior art document cited in this report.

1. Basis of the report
 - a. With regard to the language, the international search was carried out on the basis of the international application in the language in which it was filed, unless otherwise indicated under this item.
 - ☐ the international search was carried out on the basis of a translation of the international application furnished to this Authority (Rule 23.1(b)).
 - b. With regard to any nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence disclosed in the international application, the international search was carried out on the basis of the sequence listing:
 - ☐ contained in the international application in written form.
 - ☐ filed together with the international application in computer readable form.
 - ☐ furnished subsequently to this Authority in written form.
 - ☐ furnished subsequently to this Authority in computer readable form.
 - ☐ the statement that the subsequently furnished written sequence listing does not go beyond the disclosure in the international application as filed has been furnished.
 - ☐ the statement that the information recorded in computer readable form is identical to the written sequence listing has been furnished.
2. ☐ Certain claims were found unsearchable (See Box I).
3. ☐ Unity of invention is lacking (See Box II).
4. With regard to the title,
 - ☒ the text is approved as submitted by the applicant.
 - ☐ the text has been established by this Authority to read as follows:
5. With regard to the abstract,
 - ☒ the text is approved as submitted by the applicant.
 - ☐ the text has been established, according to Rule 38.2(b), by this Authority as it appears in Box III. The applicant may, within one month from the date of mailing of this international search report, submit comments to this Authority.
6. The figure of the drawings to be published with the abstract is Figure No. 1
 - ☒ as suggested by the applicant.
 - ☐ because the applicant failed to suggest a figure.
 - ☐ because this figure better characterizes the invention.
 - ☐ None of the figures.

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A. CLASSIFICATION OF SUBJECT MATTER
IPC 7 H04M3/00 H04M3/533

According to International Patent Classification (IPC) or to both national classification and IPC
B. FIELDS SEARCHED
Minimum documentation searched (classification system followed by classification symbols)
IPC 7 H04M H04M

Documentation searched other than minimum documentation to the extent that such documents are included in the fields searched

Electronic data bases consulted during the international search (name of data base and, where practical, search terms used)

EPO-Internal, WPI Data, PAJ

C. DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED TO BE RELEVANT		
Category *	Citation of document, with indication, where appropriate, of the relevant passages	Relevant to claim No.
X	US 5 684 862 A (FINNIGAN PAUL F) 4 November 1997 (1997-11-04) abstract column 1, line 60 -column 2, line 63 column 5, line 4 - line 67; figure 1	1-4, 9-12
Y	US 5 812 639 A (FARRIS ROBERT D ET AL) 22 September 1998 (1998-09-22) abstract column 2, line 10 -column 3, line 5 column 9, line 46 -column 11, line 7 column 25, line 57 -column 26, line 36 column 27, line 42 -column 28, line 21	1, 5, 13, 20
Y	-/-	6

☒ Further documents are listed in the continuation of box C. ☐ Patent family members are listed in annex.

* Special categories of cited documents:
 "X" document defining the general state of the art which is not relevant to the patentability of the invention
 "Y" document relevant to the patentability of the invention
 "T" document of particular relevance to the claimed invention
 "O" document which may form the basis of a claim or which is cited to establish the publication date of an invention
 "P" document referring to an oral disclosure, use, exhibition or other means
 "D" document published prior to the international filing date but later than the priority date claimed
 "E" document member of the same patent family

Date of the actual completion of the international search 4 September 2000	Date of mailing of the international search report 08/09/2000
Name and mailing address of the ISA European Patent Office, P.B. 5918 Patentkanal 2 NL - 2220 AH Rijswijk Tlx (31-70) 546-2040, Tlx 31 051 epo nl Fax: (31-70) 546-2018	Authorized officer Larcinese, C

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International Application No.
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Category	Citation of document, with indication where appropriate, of the relevant passages	Relevant to claim No.
X	EP 0 841 796 A (NORTHERN TELECOM LTD) 13 May 1998 (1998-05-13) abstract column 1, line 26 - column 2, line 38 column 3, line 16 - column 4, line 4	1
A	EP 0 843 453 A (ROLM SYSTEMS) 20 May 1998 (1998-05-20) abstract column 1, line 32 - line 51 column 2, line 20 - line 33 column 3, line 9 - line 57	1-31

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Information on patent family members

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Patent document cited in search report	Publication date	Patent family member(s)	Publication date
US 5684862 A	04-11-1997	AU 4362996 A AU 6248596 A BR 9509547 A EP 0829159 A JP 10508448 T WO 9614701 A WO 9637990 A	31-05-1996 11-12-1996 27-01-1998 18-03-1998 18-08-1998 17-05-1996 28-11-1996
US 5812639 A	22-09-1998	US 5680442 A US 5631948 A US 5661782 A	21-10-1997 20-05-1997 26-08-1997
EP 0841796 A	13-05-1998	CA 2220658 A JP 10247977 A US 6005922 A	12-05-1998 14-09-1998 21-12-1999
EP 0843453 A	20-05-1998	US 6002751 A	14-12-1999

These Notes are intended to give the basic instructions concerning the filing of amendments under article 19. The Notes are based on the requirements of the Patent Cooperation Treaty, the Regulations and the Administrative Instructions under that Treaty. In case of discrepancy between these Notes and those requirements, the latter are applicable. For more detailed information, see also the PCT Applicant's Guide, a publication of WIPO.

In these Notes, "Article", "Rule", and "Section" refer to the provisions of the PCT, the PCT Regulations and the PCT Administrative Instructions respectively.

INSTRUCTIONS CONCERNING AMENDMENTS UNDER ARTICLE 19

The applicant has, after having received the international search report, one opportunity to amend the claims of the international application. It should, however, be emphasized that, since all parts of the international application (claims, description and drawings) may be amended during the international preliminary examination procedure, there is usually no need to file amendments of the claims under Article 19 aimed at the time, e.g., the applicant wants the latter to be published for the purposes of provisional protection or has another reason for amending the claims before international publication. Furthermore, it should be emphasized that provisional protection is available in some States only.

What parts of the international application may be amended?

Under Article 19, only the claims may be amended.

During the international phase, the claims may also be amended (or further amended) under Article 34 before the International Preliminary Examining Authority. The description and drawings may only be amended under Article 34 before the International Examining Authority.

Upon entry into the national phase, all parts of the international application may be amended under Article 28 or, where applicable, Article 41.

When?

Within 2 months from the date of transmittal of the international search report or 15 months from the priority date, whichever time limit expires later. It should be noted, however, that the amendments will be considered as having been received on time if they are received by the International Bureau after the expiration of the applicable time limit but before the completion of the technical preparations for international publication (Rule 46.1).

Where not to file the amendments?

The amendments may only be filed with the International Bureau and not with the receiving Office or the International Searching Authority (Rule 46.2).

Where a demand for international preliminary examination has been filed, see below.

How?

Either by cancelling one or more entire claims, by adding one or more new claims or by amending the text of one or more of the claims as filed.

A replacement sheet must be submitted for each sheet of the claims which, on account of an amendment or amendments, differs from the sheet originally filed.

All the claims appearing on a replacement sheet must be numbered in Arabic numerals. Where a claim is cancelled, no renumbering of the other claims is required. In all cases where claims are renumbered, they must be renumbered consecutively (Administrative Instructions, Section 205(b)).

The amendments must be made in the language in which the international application is to be published.

What documents must accompany the amendments?

Letter (Section 205(b)).

The amendments must be submitted with a letter.

The letter will not be published with the international application and the amended claims. It should not be confused with the "Statement under Article 19(1)" (see below, under "Statement under Article 19(1)").

The letter must be in English or French, at the choice of the applicant. However, if the language of the international application is English, the letter must be in English; if the language of the international application is French, the letter must be in French.

The letter must indicate the differences between the claims as filed and the claims as amended. It must, in particular, indicate, in connection with each claim appearing in the international application (it being understood that identical indications concerning several claims may be grouped), whether

- (i) the claim is unchanged;
- (ii) the claim is cancelled;
- (iii) the claim is new;
- (iv) the claim replaces one or more claims as filed;
- (v) the claim is the result of the division of a claim as filed

The following examples illustrate the manner in which amendments must be explained in the accompanying letter:

1. [Where originally there were 48 claims and after amendment of some claims there are 51]:
"Claims 1 to 29, 31, 32, 34, 35, 37 to 48 replaced by amended claims bearing the same numbers;
claims 30, 33 and 36 unchanged; new claims 49 to 51 added."
2. [Where originally there were 15 claims and after amendment of all claims there are 11]:
"Claims 1 to 15 replaced by amended claims 1 to 11."
3. [Where originally there were 14 claims and the amendments consist in cancelling some claims and in adding new claims]:
"Claims 1 to 6 and 14 unchanged; claims 7 to 13 cancelled; new claims 15, 16 and 17 added." or
"Claims 7 to 13 cancelled; new claims 15, 16 and 17 added; all other claims unchanged."
4. [Where various kinds of amendments are made]:
"Claims 1-10 unchanged; claims 11 to 13, 18 and 19 cancelled; claims 14, 15 and 16 replaced by amended claim 14; claim 17 subdivided into amended claims 15, 16 and 17; new claims 20 and 21 added."

"Statement under article 19(1)" (Rule 46.4)

The amendments may be accompanied by a statement explaining the amendments and indicating any impact that such amendments might have on the description and the drawings (which cannot be amended under Article 19(1)).

The statement will be published with the international application and the amended claims. It must be in the language in which the international application is to be published.

It must be brief, not exceeding 500 words if in English or if translated into English.

It should not be confused with and does not replace the letter indicating the differences between the claims as filed and as amended. It must be filed on a separate sheet and must be identified as such by a heading, preferably by using the words "Statement under Article 19(1)".

It may not contain any disparaging comments on the international search report or the relevance of citations contained in that report. References to citations, relevant to the claim, contained in the international search report may be made only in connection with an amendment of that claim.

Consequence if a demand for international preliminary examination has already been filed

If, at the time of filing any amendments under Article 19, a demand for international preliminary examination has already been submitted, the applicant must previously, at the same time of filing the amendments with the International Bureau, also file a copy of such amendments with the International Preliminary Examining Authority (see Rule 82.2(a), first sentence).

Consequence with regard to translation of the international application for entry into the national phase

The applicant's attention is drawn to the fact that, where upon entry into the national phase, a translation of the claims as amended under Article 19 may have to be furnished to the designated/selected Offices, instead of, or in addition to, the translation of the claims as filed.

For further details on the requirements of each designated/selected Office, see Volume II of the PCT Applicant's Guide.